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A 29-year-old man has been arrested and charged with the fatal shooting of a woman and serious injury of a man that occurred in Westland during the early morning hours of June 1.

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Racetrack project wins planning commission approval

A final decision on the construction of a new harness race track in Plymouth Township could come before the board of trustees by the end of this month.

Following approval of the development plans by the Plymouth Township Planning Commission earlier this month, the plans will now be sent to the township trustees for final approval which could be on the June 27 meeting agenda.

The proposed Northville Downs of Plymouth Township is planned for a 128-acre site near Five Mile and Ridge roads. Only 52 acres of the site are suitable as the remainder is protected wetlands, according to township records. The plans for the Plymouth site include construction of a half-mile oval harness racetrack; a two-story, 4,900-square-foot grandstand with a patio for viewing; a 23,000-square-foot racing building; a 35,000 square foot horse barn and a 3,200 square foot maintenance building. Originally, plans included a 54,000-square-foot gaming facility to be constructed during a future phase of development. Any casino or racino gambling would require state approval.

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Those plans prompted concern from residents when the track was originally proposed. Residents questioned the accompanying gambling at the track and the increase in traffic in the area. Residents accepted the legality of the gambling but protested having it in Plymouth Township.

Plymouth Township officials denied any plans for a rumored casino at the proposed racetrack.

Northville Downs was sold to a developer five years ago and plans for residential, retail and office space at the Seven Mile Road and Sheldon property are under way. Northville Downs has been offering harness racing since opening in 1944 and is the only remaining harness track in the state.

Celebrate
Liberty Festival begins in Canton

A 30 year tradition begins today in Canton Township when the Liberty Fest opens.

The annual celebration of community spirit offers family-friendly activities, exciting carnival rides, thrilling Midway games, two stages of live entertainment, a popular marketplace, festival food, and Beer Garden, as well as the Annual Liberty Run, a special Juneteenth Community Celebration, Friday night fireworks, and much more for all ages to enjoy.

Major sponsors for this annual community event include: BJ's Wholesale Club, National Heritage Academies and the U. S. Army.

Heritage Park will come alive with the sights and sounds of Canton Liberty Fest from June 15-17, 2023, which is Canton's ultimate community celebration of summer fun. (Provided courtesy of Canton Township)

This year Canton Liberty Fest will feature a new mobile app for Apple and Android users prior to the event. Festival-goers will be able to access everything about the event, including entertainment schedules and performer information, Carnival Zone information about amusement rides and Midway games.

The highly-anticipated Canton Liberty Fest fireworks display will take place just after dusk tomorrow, June 16, allowing for a Saturday night rain date, if necessary. Starting as early as 6 p.m. tomorrow, Veterans Way, Heritage Drive, and Summit Parkway near Heritage Park will be closed to vehicular traffic.

Event organizers strongly discourage visitors from bringing pets onto festival grounds. However, dogs that attend the festival must remain on a leash, be under their owner's control, and be on their best behavior at all times. Festival-goers are reminded that all bikes must be parked in a bike corral. In addition, a convenient Uber, Lyft, or parent drop-off/pick-off spot has been designated on Civic Center Boulevard in front of the Canton Public Library main parking lot. For more information, visit www.cantonlibertyfest.com or call (734) 394-5360.

State of the City 2023
Romulus mayor reports progress in every city department

During his State of the City address last year, Romulus Mayor Robert McCraight outlined his goals for the next 12 months. This year, McCraight was able to report an 87 percent completion rate for those plans with the remainder of his goals for the community already under way.

McCraight presented his 2023 State of the City address last month from the Romulus High School auditorium before an audience crowded with mayors from neighboring communities, county and state officials and community residents. Following the pledge of allegiance led by several local Girl Scouts and the presentation of the colors by the honor guard, City Clerk Ellen Craig Bragg sang the national anthem. McCraight was then introduced by his Chief of Staff Julie Wojtylko who noted that McCraight is always focused on doing the right thing for the residents of the city. She said he is a man who "exemplifies leadership and understands the implications and responsibility of being the mayor."

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McCraight, serving his first term, told the crowd that his goal was to take the city to the next level and to accomplish that goal he needed detail people whom he could trust and that Wojtylko was the type of detail person who was a huge asset to his administration and the community. McCraight praised the leadership of every department in the city, noting the accomplishments of each of them and the state and local honors awarded to several department leaders as he reported the accomplishments of each department during the past 12 months.

"Romulus is the gateway to Michigan," McCraight told the crowd "and the first impression of the state is our community. We are trying to raise that bar up right now working with our elected officials and dignitaries." He stressed the importance of communication with both state and county officials and neighboring communities in an effort to ensure that "they know who we are." In meetings with SEMCOG (Southeast Michigan Council of Governments) and the Michigan Municipal League as examples, he said the city has five people in the room explaining that Romulus is regionally significant. He noted the participation of Romulus in multiple local and county organizations all working to enhance the area.

"This is regional," McCraight said. "We are all in this together. A win for Romulus is a win for Taylor is a win for Huron." Developers don't look at borders, they look strategically at what makes sense for them to invest." McCraight said an example of that mutual benefit is major events in Detroit. He said there is often a lack of hotels which often results in Romulus hotels "at 100 percent occupied."

The core values of his administration, McCraight said, remain integrity; transparency; solution orientation, an endeavor to improve and simplify processes and inclusive service. He spoke about each of those values during his address, citing examples from every city department as evidence of the dedication to those values. He added that rather than "fluffy" answers his administration takes pride in transparency. "We're not hiding from challenges," he said. "We're going to tell you what's going on. We will always give you an honest answer to an honest question. It may not be the answer you want to hear, but we're going to be transparent the whole way through," he said.

One of those challenges,

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Inkster - Romulus

Protect and serve

The Romulus Police Department recently celebrated the induction of two new officers and the promotion of veteran officer Keith Haynes to the rank of sergeant. Police Chief Robert Pfannes and Deputy Chief Derran Shelby were on hand as officers recited the oath of service to the community. The department has hired seven new officers this year following approval last fall of a public safety millage by more than 70 percent of voters. The department responded to 22,239 calls for service last year and made 748 arrests and issued 5,193 citations. According to Mayor Robert McCraight, the crime rate is dropping in the city and 80 percent of violent crimes in the city are committed by non-residents.

Read on

Inkster Leanna Hicks Library offering several summer programs

Registration is under way for Summer Reading at the Leanna Hicks Public Library, 2500 Hamlin Dr. in Inkster. The program will begin at 2 p.m. Thursday, June 22, and will feature Bright Star Theatre performing plays at the library.

"All Together Now" is the summer theme for the preschool and school-age student program, which requires advance registration by visiting the library, on Hamlin Drive which runs off of Michigan Avenue eastbound west of Inkster Road. Call the library at (313) 563-2822 for details. Registration by phone is available for the individual programs, which conclude at 2 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 12, with the wrap-up party at the library.

"We're excited to host this program which brings families together and keeps kids' literacy skills up in summer when school is out," said Tim Williams, Inkster Library Board president and acting director. Registration for each program begins one week before the program date.

There will also be: a Magic of Friendship Magic Show 2 p.m. Thursday, June 29; a Summer STEM Program for grades two-five 3:30-5:15 p.m. July 11-13; a Summer STEM Early Learners Program for pre-kindergarten through grade one 3:30-4:30 p.m. July 17-18; Exotic Zoo at the Library, 5 p.m. July 19; Field Day and Ice Cream Social, 2 p.m. July 29 and Create Your Own Stuffed Animal at 2 p.m. Aug. 10.

Leanna Hicks Public Library hours are 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Thursday, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday. The library is closed on Friday and Sunday.

Address

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McCraight said, remains the impact of the train derailment in Ohio and the subsequent shipping hazardous waste to the deep-water injection well in the city for disposal. "I'm the fifth mayor to be opposed to this well" he said, in reference to efforts to protect the community including his testifying before the Michigan House Oversight Committee on Toxic Waste in Lansing.

Another concern McCraight addressed was the current funding of the 34th District Court located in Romulus while serving five area communities. "The construction of the new court did not cost the city," he said. "That building came in on time and under budget. The financial difficulties at the court have not been caused by construction of the new building." He said the court representatives and officials from the five communities were discussing solutions to the funding of the court. "This is not just a Romulus issue," he said, noting that court funding is a statewide issue.

McCraight addressed the lack of large retailers in the city and noted that the city had hired outside help to demonstrate the financial opportunities for large companies in the community. He explained that with access to Meijer and WalMart within minutes of Romulus, the large retailers were not inclined to add another store within the immediate area. He said the city would continue to talk to the larger retailers and will continue to "redefine, remarket and retell our story," in efforts to bring franchises to Romulus.

The mayor explained the difficulty the current system of road financing imposes on communities. He said that when the city receives funding for roads, 76 percent is spent on laborers, materials, trucks, fuel and equipment leaving only about 24 percent to actually fund road repairs. "It costs about $1 million to replace 1 mile of road," he said, noting that there are 40 miles of roads in the city.

McCraight also discussed the difficulty in hiring and retaining first responders in the community, noting that, too, is a state problem with some communities offering bonuses to entice applicants. Later in his address, he thanked the residents for the overwhelming approval of a police and fire millage with a

Mayor Robert McCraight

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73.7 percent favorable vote. He said the vote was evidence of the value the community placed on public safety. He said that without public safety, nearly every aspect of a community fails. Without strong public safety, he said, developers do not want to put money into the community and people do not want to live where they do not feel safe.

McCraight continued his detailed address presenting specifics from every department in the community, noting the accomplishments of each and crediting each department leader. He explained the importance of the One Vision project which met with residents to determine the specific needs and attitudes of the entire community. David Beurle of Future IQ, the company which facilitated the meetings, said during a taped presentation that while the world is struggling with diversity, it seemed naturally homogenous in Romulus. "It comes together as one community, a deep social fabric people want to protect," he commented.

The mayor repeated that the goals outlined for his administration were not his goals, but those of the entire community and the residents.

As he neared the conclusion of his detailed address, he noted that the city had been successful in obtaining $7.6 million in grant funding which had paid for public safety equipment and personnel and many other projects not funded from the city general budget.

He discussed in length the number of major developments and new businesses in the city and the efforts to make establishing a small business or a major development or corporation in the community as uncomplicated as possible. Developers at the huge NorthPoint project noted that when they call, "the mayor answers the phone." Small businesses, too, noted the accessibility of help and the feeling of partnership the city provided them.

McCraight also noted that he had recently been selected for a Taubman Fellowship at the Harvard University Kennedy School which will be attended by his peers from across the county. The fellowship will allow him to bring newfound knowledge to the community and expand the city regional presence, noted Amy O'Leary, SEMCOG secretary.

"This is a great honor and I am excited to tell our story," McCraight said as he ended his address with a tribute to his wife and family.

(Editor's note: McCraight's entire address is available on Facebook.)

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CITY OF ROMULUS INVITATION TO BID
ITB 22/23-26 Two Year Contractual Services Contract for Pavement Marking

The City of Romulus, Michigan is seeking bids from qualified companies to obtain fixed pricing for a two year contractual services agreement for the annual pavement marking of approximately 41.48 miles of Major and Local Streets as specified by Section 811 of the MDOT Standard Specifications for Highway Construction.

(1) Qualified individuals and firms wishing to submit a bid must use the forms provided by the City. Official bid forms and specifications may be obtained from the MITN Purchasing Group page of BidNet Direct (http://www.mitn.info/). Bids may be rejected unless mad
(2) Questions must be emailed to Purchasing@romulusgov.com and received no later than 12:00 PM Local Time, June 20, 2023.
(3) Clarifications, modifications, or amendments may be made to this solicitation at the discretion of the City. Any and all addenda issued by the City will be posted on the MITN Purchasing Group page of BidNet Direct. All interested parties are instructed to view the MITN website regularly for any issued addenda. It is the responsibility of the bidder to obtain all issued addenda and acknowledge receipt of said addenda by including a printed copy of each addendum as part of the required documents for this solicitation and to list the addendum and sign and date the "Acknowledgment of Receipt Addenda Form: supplied in the bid documents.
(4) A total of two copies (one marked "Original" and one marked "Copy") of the bid must be submitted together in one sealed package/envelope and returned to the ***City Clerk's Office*** no later than 2:00 P.M., **Thursday, June 29, 2023**. Bids should be addressed using the bid package label provided in the solicitation documents or submitted electronically on the MITN Purchasing Group page of BidNet Direct.
(5) At approximately 3:00 p.m., local time **June 29, 2023**, all timely received bids will be publically opened and read.
(6) The City reserves the right to postpone the opening without notification and also reserves the right to reject all bids and to waive any minor informality or irregularity in bids received and to award the bid in whole or in part. Ultimately, a contract may be awarded to the lowest most responsive and responsible company, as determined in the sole discretion of the City of Romulus or otherwise in a manner deemed by the City to be in its own best interest.
(7) The successful Bidder will be required to submit proof of all bonds and insurance required by the solicitation documents and copies of all required endorsements.
(8) For additional information contact Gary Harris, City of Romulus, Purchasing Director by calling (734) 955-4568 or by emailing Purchasing@romulusgov.com .
(9) The City of Romulus strictly prohibits the reproduction or publishing of any published document or solicitation without the express written consent of the City of Romulus. Unauthorized posting of any notice of these documents or reference to said documents or solicitations is strictly prohibited.

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CITY OF ROMULUS INVITATION TO BID
ITB 22/23-25 Upfitting Police Interceptors

The City of Romulus, Michigan is seeking bids from qualified companies for the upfitting of Four (4) 2023 Ford Police Interceptor Utilities

(1) Qualified individuals and firms wishing to submit a bid must use the forms provided by the City. Official bid forms and specifications may be obtained from the MITN Purchasing Group page of BidNet Direct (http://www.mitn.info/). Bids may be rejected unless mad
(2) Contractors that desire to submit a bid can view the vehicles that equipment will be removed from as part of this ITB at the City of Romulus Police Department located at 11165 Olive Street, Romulus, Michigan. Viewing will be by appointment only and appointments must be completed no later than 6/19/2023. To schedule an appointment Contact Captain Nicole Harris at 734-955-8858 or email Captain Harris at Nharris@romulusgov.com.
(3) Questions must be emailed to Purchasing@romulusgov.com and received no later than 12:00 PM Local Time, June 20, 2023.
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BELLEVILLE - SUMPTER

Invasive plant species threatens township park

Sumpter Township trustees are attempting to find ways to control or eradicate an invasive species currently attacking community parks.

The species is autumn olive, a plant which is flourishing near Sherwood Pond and in Banotai Park. During the May 23 meeting of the trustees, the consequences of allowing the plant to continue to propagate were brought to the attention of the board members by Jo Gardner, a volunteer who spends time attempting to beautify the township parks.

Gardner told the board members that while she was not a certified horticulturalist, she spent many hours learning what she could about the autumn olive plant. She told the board members that the species has doubled in mass at Banotai Park in the past three years. Autumn olive is a problem for parks as the plant displaces native shrubs. It threatens native ecosystems by out-competing and displacing native plant species, creating dense shade and interfering with natural plant succession and nutrient cycling, plant specialists warned.

She explained that during efforts to clear the plant from the park, volunteers once had a good-natured contest to see who could pull out the longest root of the species and the winner was a root 28 feet long. She said cuttings of the plant have to be double bagged and taken to a landfill as branches cannot be used for making wood chips used as mulch by gardeners. Gardner explained that the plant can grow on any mineral surface and home gardeners using wood chips as mulch could find the plant growing in their yards within a few years. She explained that the plant is so intrusive, it could begin to affect real estate values in the community. "There have been townships and small cities where that has occurred," Gardner told the trustees. "They're very nasty," she said.

Gardner came to the board members to plead for more help with general maintenance and help at the pond and in the park. She explained the lack of volunteer help was placing the burden of cleaning up the park for spring and fall on only three volunteers. She said that during the last scheduled clean up, "we had no one from the board, no one from businesses come out and nobody showed up at either park." She said while Home Depot had promised volunteers, a date change had canceled that offer.

Sherwood Pond at Banotai Park

"Changing the date at the last minute is a problem. Some of the people who volunteered are not going to come back," she said.

"There is a lot more work needed in the playground, on the beach and the volleyball court. That is not what we (volunteers) are there for. I think we need a park person, a forestry person who really knows what we need and knows the invasive species," Gardner said.

She noted that the state Department of Natural Resources (DNR) and Michigan have programs, grants and stewardships and could be a possible resource for the township.

"We're not going to get rid of it, but we've got to get it under control," she said.

Deputy Supervisor and Trustee Tim Rush, who chaired the meeting, said he had some contacts with the DNR he could ask for advice and direction regarding the situation. "Let's see what they can do and see what kind of programs are available," he said.

Belleville Rotary Club presents annual scholarships

Members of the Rotary Club of Belleville presented six $5,000 scholarships to Belleville-area graduates during the 78th Annual Scholarship Program May 23.

The awards presentation took place at Belleville High School and included school administrators, parents, family members and Rotarians.

The four Academic Scholarships went to Hope Copeland, Samantha Pause, Krishna Sharma and Sean Tinsley. The Charles B. Cozadd Community Service Award for service to school and other students was presented to Luke Budd while the Donald Juchartz Award for Community Service was presented to Ethan Delaney.

During the meeting, Belleville Rotary Club President Mary Jo Suchy offered a welcome, including an explanation of what Rotary is and a summary of club activities helping individual citizens, communities and other charities in carrying on their work.

Each of the awardees thanked Rotary and spoke about his or her plans going forward and how the scholarships will assist in reaching academic goals.

Van Buren Township Clerk Leon Wright was the guest speaker during the award presentation. He offered words of inspiration to the awardees and discussed the importance of civic engagement as the students move forward in their lives and careers.

"The Rotary is happy to celebrate these amazing young individuals, who have all contributed so well to their communities, their school and their families," Suchy said.

After the presentations, Suchy, who is also the chairperson of the Scholarship Committee, thanked all the attendees, the scholarship committee, and any others whose work made the evening possible.

Since its inception, Rotary Club of Belleville has awarded $642,500 to Belleville High School students as part of the club scholarship program. This year, as in recent years, the primary funding source for the program has been the Charles B. Cozadd Rotary Foundation which assists the club in the funding many projects.

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Northville

Arts and Acts event begins downtown tomorrow

More than15,000 visitors are expected to attend the Northville Art House Arts and Acts Festival as the three-day showcase of art, music and food fills downtown streets beginning tomorrow, June 16.

The festival will continue on Saturday, June, 17 and /Sunday, June 18 and will include the popular 35th Annual Art in the Sun Juried Art Fair which showcases contemporary art, handicraft work, and unique creations by 100 fine artists and crafters from Michigan and around the country.

Arts and Acts will be open from 3 until 6 p.m. tomorrow, from 10 a.m. until 8 p.m. on Saturday, June 17, and from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m. on Sunday, June 18. The festival takes place on West Cady Street and officials said there will be several free parking areas as well as local restaurants, shops, and neighborhood venues are located within walking distance of the festival.

Scheduled for the event in addition to the Art in the Sun juried fair is live entertainment, including strolling horn players as well as youth solo and group musical performances. The popular Art House Chalk Walk will again present sidewalk creations while Orin Jewelers will offer contestants a change to win a necklace by guessing what time the necklace falls from the melting Art Loves You heart-shaped ice block ,

New this year will be the Detroit Institute of Arts Tent offering a make and take arts-based activity and enrichment program; Plein Air painting with artists painting outdoors in Town Square and downtown Northville. A sensory friendly interactive experience for individuals with diverse abilities will be available inside the Northville Art House.

Entertainment also includes henna tattoo artists, art and science activities, interactive exhibits and contests, and more through partnerships with businesses and organizations in Northville, Ann Arbor and Metro Detroit.

The Annual Art in the Sun Juried Art Fair during the Arts and Acts Festival will begin in downtown Northville tomorrow.

The Arts and Acts Festival is the largest fundraiser for Northville Art House Inc., a 501(c)3 arts organization with the mission to cultivate the Arts through creative experiences and educational programs in the community. For more information, call (248)344-0497 or learn more at www.northvillearthouse.org/artsandacts/.

Rehabilitation of historic Johnson Creek nears completion

The federally funded rehabilitation at historic Johnson Creek in Northville is expected to be complete late this year, officials said, and responsibility for maintenance and care returned to the Northville Parks and Recreation Department. Johnson Creek is one of the few cold-water creeks in southeastern Michigan that supports a trout population and is historically significant as one of the largest fish hatcheries in the country.

Work at Fish Hatchery Park to replant the 1,050-foot creek bed along Johnson Creek, add depth to the pond and install a fish ladder where the creek meets the pond has been under way for three years. Rock veins were placed in the creek to control the flow and prevent erosion. Once the new growth starts to flourish the pond and creek should be a cleaner habitat for fish, insects, wildlife, and plants, according to officials.

Maintenance of the site continues as under the direction of representatives from Anglin Construction and a subcontractor. Workers are removing invasive species as well as plants and trees that didn't survive and replanting some items to restore a natural state. The intended result has not yet been achieved, officials said, but there has been progress. Visitors should remain off the creek banks which are currently protected by plastic fencing.

"It takes three to four years for vegetation to completely come in," said Nate Reilly, park superintendent for Northville Parks and Recreation.

During the project, the existing concrete wall was replaced with a natural earthen berm held in place by sheet metal pilings. The bank was landscaped with hundreds of native plants, which develop deep roots to anchor the ground and prevent soil erosion, resist disease, and thrive in their natural climate, officials said.

The transformation of the park was made possible with a $963,090 grant from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency that was administered by the Alliance of Rouge Communities (ARC), a group of local municipalities, counties and other institutions that work to improve water quality of the Rouge River watershed. The project was designed by Environmental Consulting & Technology, Inc. with engineering support from Soil Materials and Engineers (SME).

Reilly said access to the landing points - flat rocks - will be added along the creek bed so park visitors can go to the water's edge. He said a fountain may be installed in the center of pond, which is now 4-1/2 feet deep in places. Prior to the project, it was only 1-1/2 feet deep. Dead willow trees on the opposite bank will be removed at a future date, Reilly said.

An asphalt walking path extends from the parking lot along the waterway to behind one of the two baseball fields. From there, a limestone path completes the loop back to the parking lot. New playground equipment is in place and new concrete flooring has been installed under the pavilion. There are also tennis and pickleball courts available for use.

Rehabilitation of historic Johnson Creek is expected to be complete at the end of this year, officials said.

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(1FTYR44V82PB51801)

THE FOLLOWING CARS HAVE BEEN DEEMED ABANDONED BY THE INKSTER POLICE DEPT. AND WILL BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC AUCTION AT BISHOP AUTO WRECKING LLC AT 2780 SPRINGHILL INKSTER, MI 48141 ON FRIDAY JUNE 23, 2023 AT 10AM.

2011 FORD
(2FMDK4KC5BBA19070)
2011 INFINITI
(JN1CV6AR3BM410515)
2005 CHEVROLET
(1GNFK16ZX5J190110)
2003 FORD
(1FAFP45X73F410692)

On Tuesday, JUNE 27, 2023 @ 1:30PM Frazier's Auto Service Towing located at 35830 Van Born Rd Wayne, MI 48184 will conduct a public auction of Impounded and Abandoned Vehicles. The following vehicles will be offered for sale to the highest bidder.

200 FORD
1FMDK49C79BA41880
201 CHEVY
1GNKRGED6BJ182858

The above vehicles are impounded through the cities of Romulus. All paperwork is to picked up from the city within 48 hours of the sale.
All vehicles are sold in "as is condition". Bidding on all vehicles will start at the amount due for towing and storage. Vehicles may be deleted from this list at any time prior to the start of the auction. This is a cash only sale and all vehicles must be paid in full at the time of the conclusion of the auction.

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ROMULUS MI 48174
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2HKRL18651H586891
2008 SAAB
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2015 DODGE
2C3DXBG6FH861986
2007 HONDA
1HGFA16837L090636
2008 JEEP
1J8GR48K08C193108
2002 JEEP
1J4GW48S12C131380
2010 CHEVROLET
2G1WB5EK5A1187682
2014 FORD
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2017 BUICK
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2002 FORD
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2010 FORD
1FAHP3GN2AW262138
2014 DODGE
1C4RDHDG6EC586193
2006 DODGE
2D8GP44L46R654795
2011 CHEVROLET
1G1ZE5E18BF377398
2007 JEEP
1J8GR48K97C631428

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PLYMOUTH - WESTLAND

Suspect faces murder charges in fatal shooting

A 29-year-old man has been arrested and charged with the fatal shooting of a Dearborn woman and serious injury of a Romulus man that occurred in Westland during the early morning hours of June 1.

The suspect, Amir Patterson, 29, of Taylor, was scheduled for a court appearance in 18th District Court today, following his arraignment last week on charges of first-degree murder, assault with intent to murder, first-degree home invasion and three felony firearm violations.

> *Patterson is incarcerated at the Wayne County Jail following his arraignment before Judge Mark McConnell.*

According to police reports, officers responded to a call at about 2 a.m. June 1 reporting a shooting. When officers arrived on the scene, they found a 32-year-old Romulus man who had suffered a gunshot wound. Subsequent investigation by officers revealed the shooting took place in the 37000 block of Scottsdale Circle. When officers arrived at that location they discovered a 36-year-old Dearborn Heights woman who had also suffered a gunshot wound.

Officers provided first aid and Westland EMTs subsequently transported both the injured victims to a local hospital for emergency treatment. The Romulus man was reported in stable condition but the Dearborn Heights woman, identified as Bushra Mawry, the founder of Hand in Hand, a nonprofit established to aid the humanitarian crisis in Yemen. Mawry, a nurse, founded the organization in 2020. The Romulus man remained in stable condition last week.

Patterson is incarcerated at the Wayne County Jail following his arraignment before Judge Mark McConnell at the 18th District Court where bond was denied.

Police said the preliminary investigation indicated the shooting was not a random incident. Court records indicate that Patterson was on parole following serving prison time for manslaughter when the shooting occurred.

Repairs to downtown parking deck continue

The first phase of the 2023 Central Parking Deck renovation project in downtown Plymouth was expected to be complete last week.

Crews were scheduled to move to the northern half of the deck to begin work on Phase II. Crews will be replacing concrete, working on joints and completing other repairs on both the upper and lower levels. About half of the parking spaces will remain unavailable on both levels during the second phase, according to a Sam Plymale from the Plymouth Downtown Development Authority.

Officials request that drivers do not leave vehicles in the new construction zone once crews move to Phase II. Vehicles left unattended in the new construction zone will be subject to tickets and/or tow 24 hours after the new work zone is in place, Plymale cautioned.

Phase II is expected to be complete by July 3 and a majority of the parking will be reopened at that time, he added. There may be some minor work done during the month of July, but only minimal parking should be impacted. Additional public parking is available at the Christian Science Church located at 1100 W. Ann Arbor Trail through the month of June.

Some sealant work will take place in September after the Plymouth Fall Festival, Plymale added. Drivers and pedestrians should use caution inside and around the work zone and not walk within the taped off areas, he concluded.

For more information, email dda@plymouthmi.gov.

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Scholars

Class of 2024 members Ava Williams and Kim Barron have been named Horatio Alger Association State Scholars and each awarded a $10,000 scholarship. The association is one of the largest need-based privately-funded college scholarship providers. The Horatio Alger Association assists high school students who have faced and overcome great obstacles to pursue their dreams through higher education. While many scholarship programs primarily recognize academic achievement or leadership potential, the Horatio Alger Scholarship Program awards students who have exhibited determination, integrity and perseverance.

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What is Juneteenth?
Juneteenth is a federal holiday celebrated on June 19 to commemorate the emancipation of enslaved African Americans in the United States. The name is derived from combining "June" and "Nineteenth", and the first celebration was in Texas on June 19, 1865, two years after the enactment of the Emancipation Proclamation in 1863. On June 17, 2021, Juneteenth was recognized as a National Holiday.
For information on how to participate in the celebration, contact the City Clerk's office at 734-942-7540 or send an email to clerk@romulusgov.com

Canton - Wayne

Judge finds sufficient evidence for murder charges

Judge Michael Gerou of the 35th District Court in Plymouth has ruled there is sufficient evidence to charge Jeffrey Dwight Locke with first degree premeditated murder.

Locke, 50, is accused of the brutal beating death of 69-year-old Glen McLean of Canton Township. According to court filings, McLean allowed Locke, who is reportedly homeless, to intermittently stay in his River Woods Drive North home. According to the victim's son, Derek McLean who testified during the preliminary hearing last week, Locke also brought five or six cats and a dog to stay at the home. He said his father paid Locke to work on one of his vehicles and the two shared an interest in cars.

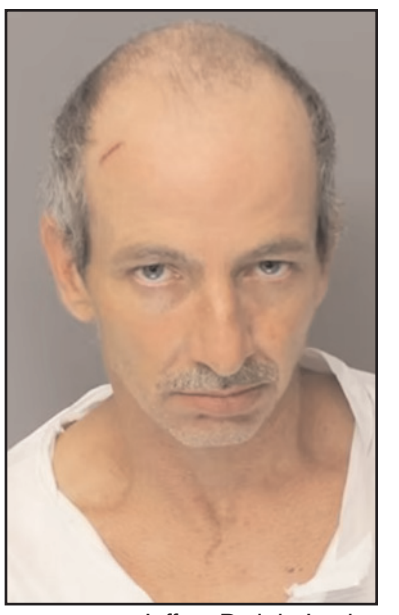
McLean told the court that the friendship between the two became toxic and that his father told him that Locke had assaulted him on occasion. When his father failed to respond to phone calls, McLean went to his father's home and discovered a bloody scene in the garage. His father was missing as was a 2021 Ford Mustang. During the court hearing, a neighbor testified that she heard the men arguing on several occasions.

Police officers testified to the bloody scene in the victim's garage noting several items had blood on them as did a roll of duct tape. Other evidence submitted included photos of the bloody scene and the autopsy report of the Wayne County coroner which found that McLean suffered at least 13 severe blows to his head, neck and torso, along with other areas of his body.

Police attempted to locate McLean by pinging his phone which was located in Dearborn. Officers found the missing phone in the victim's Mustang parked in Dearborn with Locke at the wheel. Locke gave responding officers conflicting statements regarding McLean's whereabouts. A Canton Township officer had cause to request Locke to open the truck of the vehicle where McLean's body was located.

"This matter started off as a missing person investigation that culminated finding the missing person badly beaten, wrapped up in duct tape in the trunk of his own car," Gerou said following several hours of testimony. "There's certainly ample probable cause...to show that homicide in the first degree, premeditated, was committed.

"I think there's a strong case that (Locke) committed a brutal murder," Gerou said in his ruling, sending Locke to face a circuit court trial. If convicted he faces life in prison.



Jeffrey Dwight Locke

Park cleanup prompts warning about dangers of plastic debris

The volunteer effort to clean and renovate city parks in Wayne continued last weekend with work at Soroptimist Park, Rotary I Park, and Attwood Park. Members of the Department of Public Works (DPW) joined volunteers in the efforts along with students from Upward Bound.

The large number of volunteers allowed DPW employees to complete split rail fencing at Attwood Park while work continued at the two other locations. Volunteers included Wayne Police Sgt. Jeff Perez who helped install mulch at Soroptimist Park and Fire Chief Mike Stradtner who cut the debris from the fence line during the effort. Former city councilmembers Jeremiah Webster and Phil Wagner joined the volunteers led by City Councilman and Park and Trails Leader Alfred Brock. Wayne City Manager Lisa Nocerini and Assistant Director of the DPW Ed Queen also joined the work crew. Brock noted that while working in Soroptimist and Rotary Park 1, the volunteers found multiple plastic items among the debris. He explained the serious negative effects of plastics on the environment as, he said, the material does not degrade.

"Because of the fine work by volunteers to fit out the local Rain Garden at Soroptimist Park this material is trapped before it can make its way into the water system and end up in the Rouge River. The river is only a few minutes away," Brock posted online.

He added that the work last weekend took the community "one step closer to making Wayne the cleanest city on Earth."

Small plastics persist in the environment, he said, and cause problems for wildlife and plants.

Small pieces of plastic, also known as microplastics, can cause a number of problems for animals and birds. These problems can include ingestion by animals and birds which may mistake microplastics for food and eat them. This can lead to digestive system blockages which can be fatal.

Another danger is inhalation of microplastics by animals and birds. This can lead to respiratory problems, such as pneumonia. The toxicity of microplastics can leach chemicals into the environment, which can also be harmful to animals and birds, Brock said in his Facebook post. These chemicals can cause a variety of health problems, including cancer, reproductive problems, and immune system suppression, he said.

Microplastics can also reduce the reproductive success of animals and birds as the substance can damage eggs and embryos and can also interfere with the hormonal balance of animals.

"The problem of microplastic pollution is a global one. Microplastics have been found in oceans, rivers, lakes, and even in the air. As a result, all animals and birds are at risk from this pollution," Brock, a strong advocate of the environment posted.

There are a number of things that can be done to reduce the amount of microplastic pollution including, reducing the use of single-use plastics like plastic bags, straws, and water bottles, which are a major source of microplastic pollution.

Recycling plastic whenever possible helps to keep it out of the environment and consumers are urged to avoid products that contain microbeads. Microbeads are tiny plastic beads that are often found in facial scrubs and other personal care products. These beads can easily be mistaken for food by animals and birds.

"By taking these steps, we can help to reduce the amount of microplastic pollution and protect the animals and birds that we share our planet with," Brock posted.

Wayne took one step closer to becoming "the cleanest city on Earth" last weekend, according to Councilman Alfred Brock who led a large contingent of volunteers in the continuing effort to clean and renovate the city parks.